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1. HERR KUEHN IN FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY CONFIRMED THAT LETTER TO DR. STEEG HAS BEEN RECEIVED, BUT EXPLAINED THAT SHE HAS BEEN ON VACATION AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HER OFFICE UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER. SHE WILL AT THAT TIME RESPOND TO LETTER FROM GEIMER AND FEKETEKUTY. IN MEANTIME, HERR LUTZ, WHO HEADS FRG'S MTN OFFICE IN GENEVA, HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONTACT FEKETEKUTY'S GENEVA OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 6 TO DISCUSS US PROPOSALS FOR MEETINGS IN BONN. SINCE DR. STEEG WILL NOT BE IN BONN WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, A LATER DATE WOULD HAVE TO BE ARRANGED FOR GEIMER AND FEKETEDUTY VISIT, IF THAT IS DESIRED. LUTZ HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EXPLAIN THAT A MULTILATERAL MEETING IN BONN TO DISCUSS TC MATTERS WOULD CAUSE GREAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIFFICULTIES FOR FRG AND EC AS A WHOLE. FRANCE AND

UK WOULD HAVE TO BE INVITED, AND THAT WOULD LEAD TO PRESSURE TO INVITE ALL OTHER EC MEMBERS. FRG WILL SUGGEST AS AN ALTERNATIVE THAT AN INFORMAL MEETING MIGHT BE HELD IN PARIS ON EVE OF TC MEETING. KUEHN ALSO SAID THAT WHEN SHE REPLIES TO US LETTER, DR. STEEG WILL INDICATE THAT US IS MOST WELCOME TO PREPARE PAPERS FOR TC IF IT SO WISHES.

2. SUGGEST THAT IN FUTURE COPIES OF SUCH CORRES-PONDENCE BE SENT TO EMBASSY FOR ANY NEEDED FOLLOW-UP ACTION, SINCE OUTER OFFICES OF FRG OFFICIALS ON LEAVE ARE GENERALLY NOT STAFFED AS EFFICIENTLY AS IN WASHINGTON.
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